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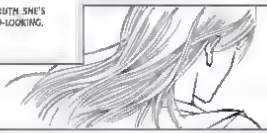
ONE BEAUTIFUL APRIL MORNING, ON A NARROW SIDE STREET IN TOKYO'S FASHIONABLE HARAJUKU NEIGHBORHOOD, I WALKED PAST THE 100% PERFECT GIRL.

TELL YOU THE TRUTH. SHE'S NOT THAT GOOD-LOOKING.



SHE DOESN'T STAND OUT IN ANY WAY.

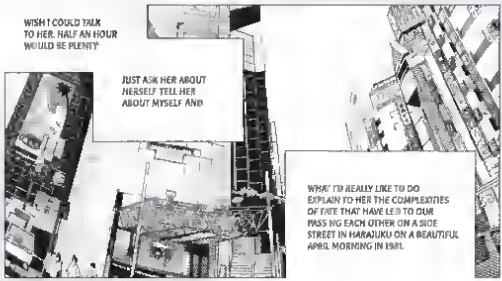
...BUT STILL, I KNOW FROM FIFTY YARDS AWAY

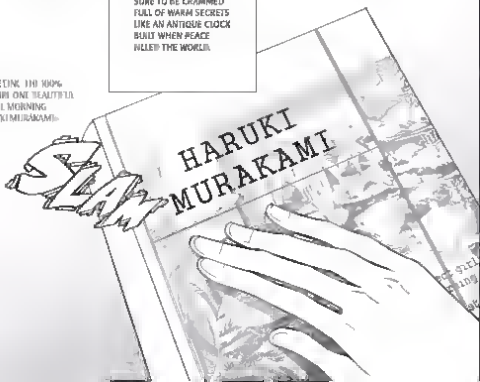
SHE'S THE 100% PERFECT GIRL FOR ME

THE MOMENT I SEE HER, THERE'S A RUMBLING IN MY CHEST AND MY MOUTH IS AS DRY AS A DESERT

MAYBE YOU HAVE YOUR OWN PARTICULAR FAVORITE TYPE OF GIRL ONE WITH SLIM ANKLES, SAY OR BIG EYES OR GRACEFUL FINGERS OR YOU'RE DRAWN FOR NO GOOD REASON TO GIRLS WHO TAKE THEIR TIME WITH EVERY MEAL.

BUT NO ONE CAN INSIST THAT HIS 100% PERFECT GIRL CORRESPONDS TO SOME PRECONCEIVED TYPE.


WISH I COULD TALK TO HER. HALF AN HOUR WOULD BE PLENTY
JUST ASK HER ABOUT HERSELF. TELL HER ABOUT MYSELF AND
WHAT I'D REALLY LIKE TO DO EXPLAIN TO HER THE COMPLEXITIES OF FATE THAT HAVE LED TO OUR PASSING EACH OTHER ON A SIDE STREET IN HARAJUKU ON A BEAUTIFUL APRIL MORNING IN 1981.


THIS WAS SOMETHING SURE TO BE CRAMMED FULL OF WARM SECRETS LIKE AN ANTIQUE CLOCK BUILT WHEN PEACE RULED THE WORLD.
«ON SEEING THE 100% PERFECT GIRL ONE BEAUTIFUL APRIL MORNING.»
HARUKI MURAKAMI
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THIS IS LAME!
URGH
LAME?
ISN'T IT SUPER MOVING?
IT'S CHEAP SENTIMENTALISM.
RECOGNIZING THE 100% PERFECT GIRL AT FIRST GLANCE OR WHATEVER--
IT'S SO CORNY IT MAKES MY SKIN CRAWL.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WAY YOU'RE WIRED THAT YOU'D ENJOY SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
JEEZ! AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SNATCHED THE BOOK FROM ME!!

WELL, I WAS BORED
BEN, HAND ME THE REPORTS
VROOOOOM
PARDON? WE JUST LEFT THE GROUND
NEXT
SNAP
NEXT
SNAP
NEXT
SNAP
NEXT
SNAP
.. ?
TH THERE'S NO MORE LEFT
WHAT ABOUT THE EVALUATION OF THE ASIAN FINANCIAL SITUATION?
TH. THAT ISN'T A PRESSING ISSUE AND
I THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TO TAKE CARE OF IT ON THIS TRIP
WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE WE REACH SEOUL.
I'M SURE THAT YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT I CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE ANY TIME
CAN'T EVEN MANAGE YOUR BOSS'S TIME YOU'RE A TERRIBLE SECRETARY MR. BENJAMIN!
GRRRR

GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
YOU'RE TOO TALENTED, THAT'S WHY!
MONSTER!
I HAVE 3 PH.D DEGREES, I'M NOT INCOMPETENT!
WORKAHOLISM IS A DISORDER, TOO.
HOW CAN YOU PUT UP WITH NOT RELIEVING YOUR TENSION, EVEN FOR AN HOUR?
NO MATTER HOW MUCH RESPONSIBILITY OR WORK YOU HAVE, YOU'RE STILL HUMAN.
IT'S GOOD TO DROP EVERYTHING AND REST FROM TIME TO TIME.
FRET
FRET
SNAP
HRRP!
THIS IS WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED!

THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN THIS COUNTRY
AT LEAST LOOK AT THE SCENERY THROUGH THE WINDOW AND TRY TO BE IMPRESSED A LITTLE.
IT'S A CITY FROM A BIRD'S EYE VIEW. EVERY PLACE IS THE SAME. NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE IN THE WORLD.
THUMP ..
BUT IT'S STRANGE, YOU SEE...
...SINCE THIS MORNING MY HEART'S BEEN SKIPPING A BEAT FOR SOME STRANGE REASON.

I HAVE A FEELING THAT SOMETHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN...

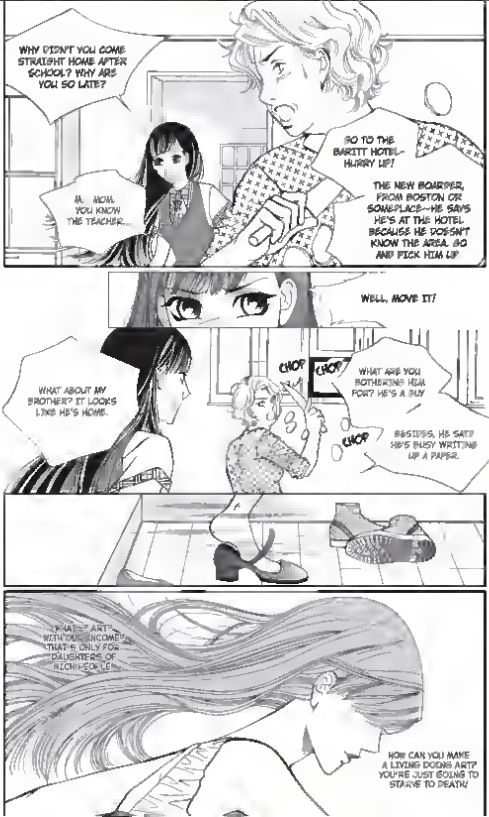
1. 100% PERFECT GIRL

JIN, JIN JIN.
YES?

WHAT?
SOMYUN'S GOING TO REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL?
COUNSEL
BUT I'M THE ONE WHO WON THE SCHOOL CONTEST!
THAT'S TRUE-
BUT SOHYUN IS PLANNING TO STUDY ABROAD AFTER GRADUATION.
IT SEEMS WINNING A PRIZE IN THE UPCOMING FINE ART COMPETITION IS IMPORTANT FOR HER FUTURE.
SO YOU SHOULD GIVE HER THE TOP SPOT
THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM ISN'T FAR AWAY AND YOU'RE NOT APPLYING TO AN ART SCHOOL ANYWAY
CLICK

THAT'S NOT FAIR! HOW CAN THEY DO THAT?
SHE SPENT TONS OF MONEY ON PRIVATE LESSONS FROM ART PROFESSORS, AND STUFF LIKE THAT— HA!
...WHAT, YOU'RE EVEN NOT UPSET?
YOU WERE LAUGHING TOGETHER TO!
IT'S OKAY
I CAN ONLY PAINT AS A HOBBY ANYWAY
HALT...
IT'S... NOT.... OKAY.

HI, JAY
JIN'S HOMESTAY
HI, NOLAN
CAN YOU TELL YOUR MOTHER THAT I WON'T BE IN FOR DINNER? I'M GOING TO A PARTY TONIGHT
NOLAN, AREN'T YOU PARTYING TOO MUCH?
HAHA, LET ME OFF THE HOOK THIS TIME. WE'RE SEEING OFF A BUDDY WHO'S GOING BACK HOME NOW THAT HE'S DONE STUDYING ABROAD
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
THE GRIND...
UM, MOM.
ABOUT THE FINE ART COMPETITION COMING UP
...


WHY DIDN'T YOU COME STRAIGHT HOME AFTER SCHOOL? WHY ARE YOU SO LATE?
M... MOM, YOU KNOW THE TEACHER...
SO TO THE BARITT HOTEL--HURRY UP!
THE NEW BOMBER, FROM BOSTON OR SOMEPLACE--HE SAYS HE'S AT THE HOTEL BECAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW THE AREA. GO AND PICK HIM UP.
WELL, MOVE IT!
WHAT ABOUT MY BROTHER? IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S HOME.
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
WHAT ARE YOU BOTHERING HIM FOR? HE'S A SLOB.
BESIDES, HE SAID HE'S BUSY WRITING UP A PAPER.
"MAKE" ART WITH OUR INCOMES? THAT'S ONLY FOR DAUGHTERS OF RICH PEOPLE!
HOW CAN YOU MAKE A LIVING DOING ART? YOU'RE JUST GOING TO STARVE TO DEATH!

WE NEED TO START SAVING MONEY IF WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOUR BROTHER OPEN UP A CLINIC AFTER HE GETS OUT OF MED SCHOOL.

JUST GO TO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND FIND A JOB EARLY. YOUR BROTHER'S BRIGHT FUTURE MEANS YOURS AS WELL.

IT'S NOT OKAY...

IT'S NOT OKAY....!

SO WHAT IF HE'S MY OLDER BROTHER? SO WHAT IF HE'S A GUY?

AH!, SO WHAT IF HE'S IN MEDICAL SCHOOL?

CLANG

WHO WAS THAT?!

POLHAM

DRRRR

WENCH
IT'S A PRIME LOCATION.
THE BUILDING'S FRAMEWORK IS GOOD ALSO.
I WAS WONDERING WHY YOU WANTED TO COME A DAY EARLY WHEN THE CLOSING IS TOMORROW.
I SEE THAT YOU WERE PLANNING TO ASSESS THE HOTEL'S CONDITION BEFOREHAND.
IT'S OUR FIRST TIME DIVING INTO THE KOREAN MARKET. WE SHOULDN'T BE SLACKING OFF.

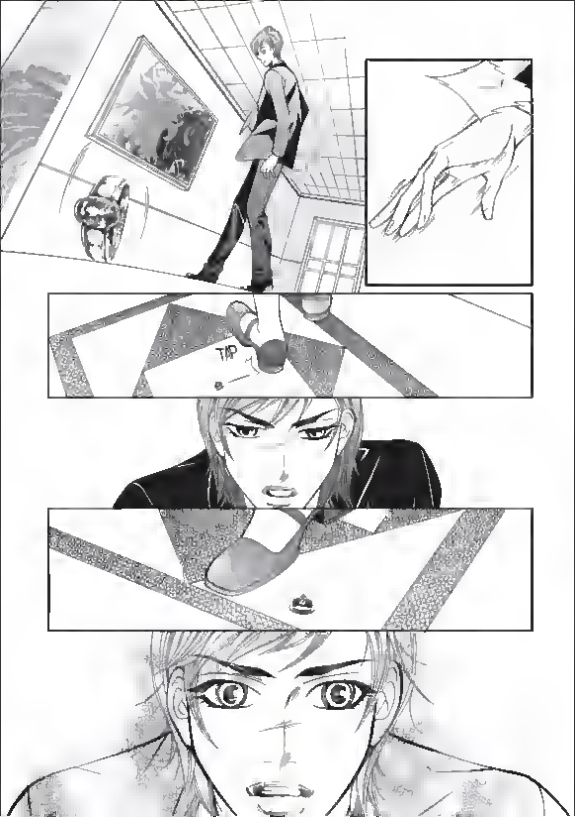
...BESIDES, WHAT IF PEOPLE FOUND OUT THAT I WAS COMING?
THE MEDIA WOULD HAVE HAD A FIELD DAY STARTING FROM THE AIRPORT
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I HATE CAMERAS AND JOURNALISTS
EVEN SO, HAVING KAIREN WAIT OUTSIDE IS A BIT...
I CAME TO LOOK IN PRIVATE. I CAN'T GO PARADING AROUND WITH BODYGUARDS ALL AROUND ME
THERE ARE MANY FOREIGNERS HERE.
I WON'T STAND OUT
DOES THIS GUY... REALLY THINK HE'S NOT STANDING OUT IN ANY WAY?
WHISPER
WHISPER
HE'S A MOVIE STAR, A MOVIE STAR, I TELL YOU
NO, THAT GUY'S A MODEL.
HE DEFINITELY LOOKS FAMILIAR.

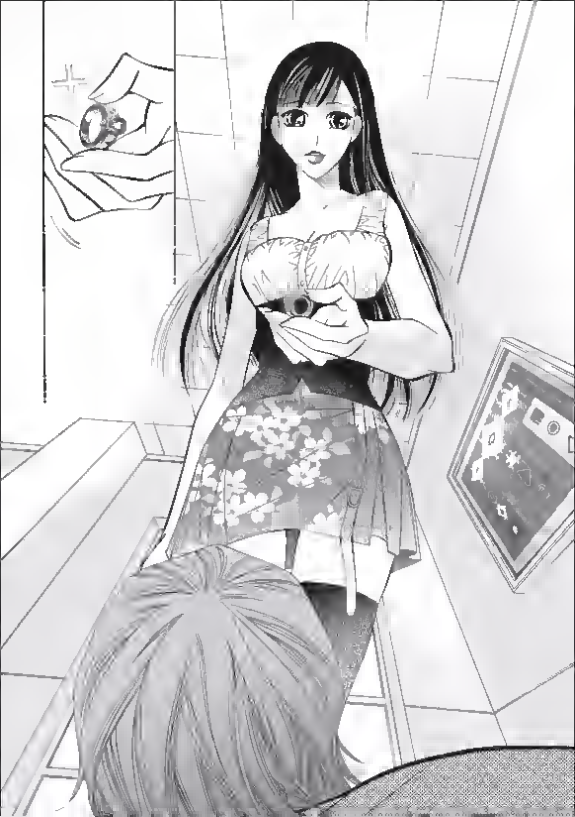
HE'S SERIOUSLY HANDSOME
THAT NOSE, THOSE LASHES.
LOOK HOW TALL HE IS. HE'S AT LEAST 6
I BET HE'S CLOSER TO 6' 3."
ANYWAY
A TALL MAN WHO LOOKS GOOD IN A BLACK SUIT REALLY THAT'S...

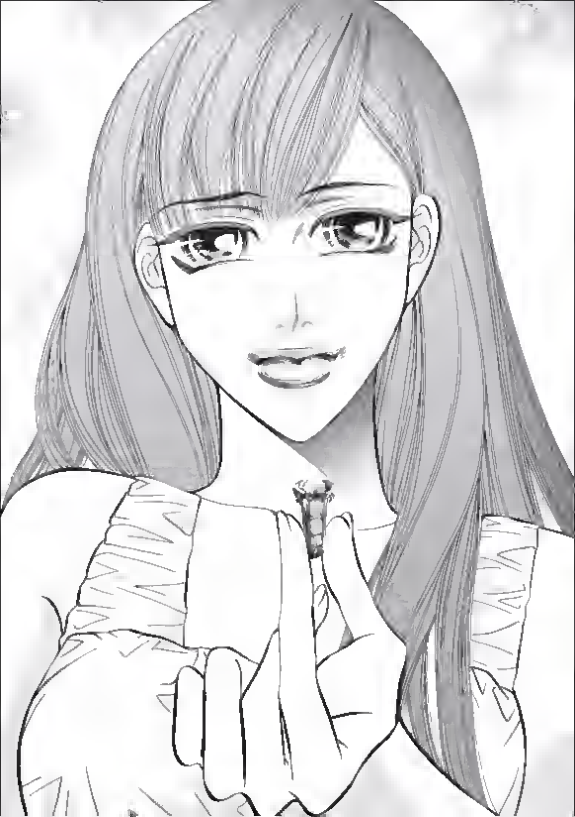
...SEXY...!

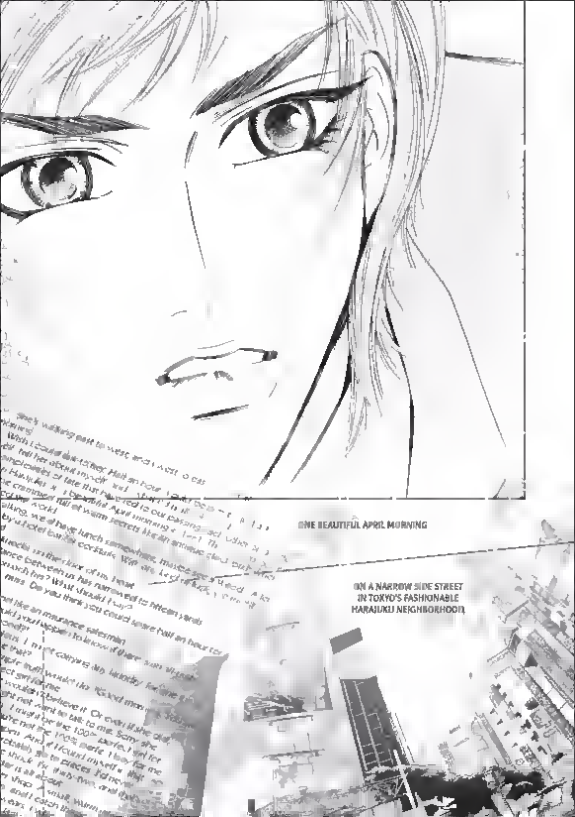
WHAT?
I'M NOT GOING!
WHAT?
I SAID I'M NOT GOING HOME! I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO, TOO!
BOOP
I REBELLED....
ZRAK-

THE WORLD-FAMOUS ROSINE HOTELS ARE FINALLY MAKING IT INTO KOREA. THIS IS RIDICULOUS
WELL, WE HAD A LOT OF UNFORESEEN PROBLEMS ALONG THE WAY FROM NOW ON, WE'LL...
UGH!
WHEW
JAY JIN, YOUR LIFE IS ONE LONG ROUGH ROAD
SHOULD I JUST...
GO FOR A WALK?
I, I THINK THE FOOD WE HAD ON THE PLANE WASN'T FRESH
WAIT-- WAIT FOR ME. I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE!
SLOPPY PAL
SLIP
GLIMM


TAP



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CLUNCH
CLUNK
...THE SUN IS... REALLY HOT.
I'M TICKLING MY CHEEK.
CLUNK
AHH, I'M EXHAUSTED. I FEEL LIKE MY BODY IS GOING TO MELT INTO THE AIR.
CLUNK
I LIKE THIS...
CLUNK
VROOM
HAHA. FORGIVE ME HOW RARE I MAKE YOU WAIT, YOUR HIGHNESS
AND IN FRONT OF A BATTERSEA AT THAT...
BUT I CAN'T JUST WALK OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF...

WHERE DID HE GO?
THIS MAN. !
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HIYAH-
AH~ I FEEL REFRESHED~♡
I WONDER IF MOM'S REALLY MAD AT ME.
NEH, WHATEVER!
THIS IS A SPECIAL "BEING REBELLIOUS DAY"!
BE BOLD JAY JIN!
HUH?
SIGH
SIGH!
A FOREIGNER?
WHAT'S GOING ON, MISTER?
THIS FOREIGNER HERE IS TRYING TO LEAVE WITHOUT PAYING THE CAB FARE.
I'M SORRY?

OH, RIGHT! THERE'S SUCH THING AS "FARE" THAT YOU NEED TO PAY WHEN YOU USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
I'M NOT USED TO THIS, SO I COMPLETELY FORGOT
YOU CARRY YOUR WALLET AT LEAST RIGHT?
WHAT FOR? I HAVE A SECRETARY WHO'S WITH ME 24 HOURS A DAY
BESIDES, CARRYING AROUND THAT KINDA THING RUINS THE WAY MY SUIT FITS
WHAT ARE YOU GOING? AREN'T YOU GOING TO PAY FOR THE CAB?
FLUSH
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY?
FLUSH

GOD...
GRRR, ONLY IF I CAN JUST WALK AWAY...
BEING THE DAUGHTER OF A HOME-STAY SERVICE FOR FREE GIVES
HOW MUCH IS IT?
40,000 WON
BEP! YOU'RE A RIP-OFF!
WE'RE OUT SIDE THE CITY! I SHOULD BE CHARGING WITH DOUBLE!
HEY, MISTER, HOW CAN YOU IN THIS SITUATION
JDEZ-
TAP
TAP TAP
TAP TAP TAP
*APPROXIMATELY EQUIVALENT TO 40 U.S. DOLLARS

WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?
UH...
YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY TO GO BACK TO SEOUL?
HESITANT...
YOU'RE HAVING A TOTALLY CRAPPY DAY, JAY JIN.
YOU TOOK CRAP FROM SCHOOL, YOU TOOK CRAP FROM YOUR MOM, AND THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR REBELLING IS MEETING A POKE-ASS FOREIGNER WHO SWIPES YOUR MONEY...
JEEZ... HE LOOKS LIKE A "FIVE-STAR" GUY...
HOW COME HE ACTS LIKE AN IDIOT?

GOODNESS
..

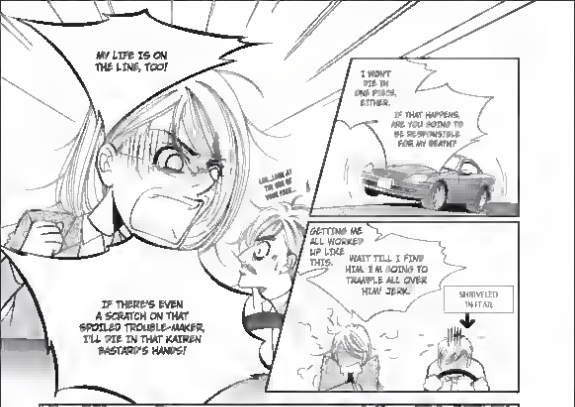
FOLLOW ME.

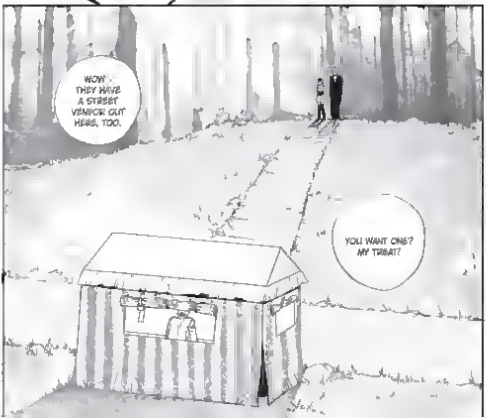
THAT'S RIGHT... I FOLLOWED HER HERE.

BUT WHY IN THE WORLD ..

WHY...?

IS THIS THE RIGHT DIRECTION?
THERE ARE MICRO-TRANSMITTERS ATTACHED TO HIS SUIT
VROOM
CLICK
EH... RAMON?
WHAT'S THAT SIR?
IF HE'S KIDNAPPED IT'S GOING TO BE A SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM.
WHY... WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE THIS TO THE POLICE AND KEEP THE BODY GUARDS AT...
WE HAVE AN ORDER, FAU!

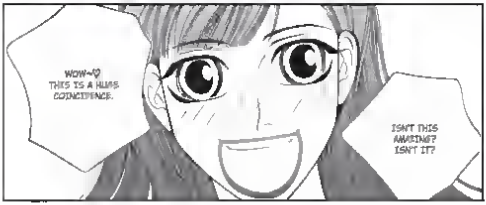

MY LIFE IS ON THE LINE, TOO!
I WON'T DIE IN ONE PIECE, EITHER.
IF THAT HAPPENS, ARE YOU GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY DEATH?
LOL...LOOK AT THE OUT OF YOUR FACE...
IF THERE'S EVEN A SCRATCH ON THAT SPOILED TROUBLE-MAKER, I'LL DIE IN THAT KAITREN BASTARD'S HANDS!
GETTING ME ALL WORKED UP LIKE THIS.
WAIT TILL I FIND HIM. I'M GOING TO TRAMPLE ALL OVER HIM! JEAN.
SHRIVELED 'IN FEAR


WOW... THEY HAVE A STREET VENDOR OUT HERE, TOO.
YOU WANT ONE? MY TREAT!

TWO CHICKEN KEBABS, PLEASE
ALL RIGHT COMING RIGHT UP
WHAT IS...
YOUR NAME?
JANTE MAX D'AREGARTE DE LA BELLE ROINNE III
PU HA HA
WHY IS IT SO LONG?
WEIRD~ JUDGING BY YOUR NAME, YOU SOUND LIKE BIG SHOT OR SOMETHING
YOU MUST'VE BEEN TEASED WITH A NAME LIKE THAT
KEE KEE

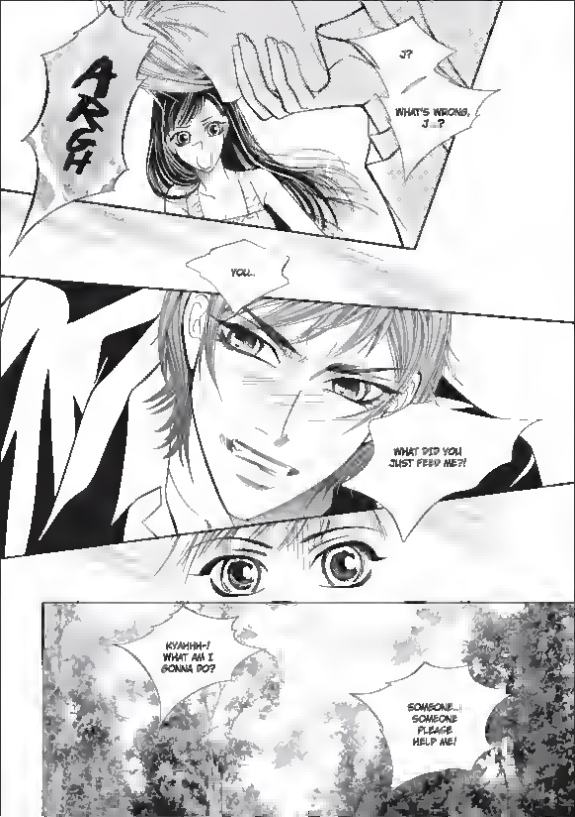
I'M NOT SMART SO I CAN'T MEMORIZE ALL THAT
HOW DO I SHORTEN IT TO CALL YOU?
MY MOTHER.
USED TO CALL ME J

J? REALLY?
GOSH~ I'M J (JAY), TOO!
IT'S IN CHINESE CHARACTERS, THOUGH.


WOW~♡ THIS IS A HUGE COINCIDENCE.
ISN'T THIS AMAZING? ISN'T IT?

YEAH.
THUD
U...ARE YOU OKAY?
OMIGOD. OMIGOD. I THOUGHT MY HEART STOPPED.
HAFF
HAFF
WELL...
I GUPPOSE... I'VE SEEN PLENTY OF FOREIGNERS BEFORE, BUT NOBODY THIS GOOD-LOOKING.
THE MORE I SEE HIM, WHOW - HE LOOKS REAL HANDSOME.
HERE, TWO CHICKEN KEBABS
WHAT IS THIS? IT'S SO BIG!

HM.. MAYBE THIS IS A BIT TOO HOT FOR FOREIGNERS.
TRY IT ANYWAY THINK OF THIS AS GETTING A TASTE OF KOREAN SPICES.
UGH.. SO HOT!
YOU EAT THIS SO WELL ..
.. STRANGE TASTE. THIS THING
NEVER HAD ANYTHING LIKE IT IN MY LIFE
WHOA
I BUY YOU FOOD IN MY FIGHT AGAINST AND YOU'RE ACTING ALL SPOILED
ANYWAY ;)
WHO ARE YOU?
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?
OH, I..


ARGH
JI?
WHAT'S WRONG, J...?
YOU..
WHAT DID YOU JUST FEED ME?!
KYAHHH-! WHAT AM I GONNA DO?
SOMEONE... SOMEONE PLEASE HELP ME!

J...!

SCREECH
...
HA-AH
HA-AH
OH, NO...!
DEAR GOD!

HE CAN'T BREATHE!
WHAT THE...
IS THIS... CHICKEN?! IT'S ANAPHYLAXIS SHOCK!
THIS MAN IS ALLERGIC TO POULTRY!
DAMN IT, YOU IDIOT! BREATHE!
A MAN LIKE YOU...
GETTING ALL FUNNY IN A FUNNY PLACE LIKE THIS ... WHAT'S THE IDEA?!
PLEASE...!

THE AMBULANCE IS HERE!
WHAP
MOVE IT!
YES!
HERE!
EVERY SECOND COUNTS!
NOW!

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU!? WHAT KIND OF A GIRL...!
...!!!!
MOM, I'M HUNGRY CAN I GET A SNACK?
OH? YEAH? SURE.
HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOTTEN? I'LL GET SOMETHING FOR YOU, WAIT A FEW MINUTES.
HEY!
SLAM

I COULDN'T EVEN ASK WHERE HE WAS GOING.

PEOPLE CAME FROM ALL DIRECTIONS...

THEY TOOK HIM AWAY IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE...

BUT HE TURNED SO PALE...

AND COULDN'T EVEN BREATHE...

GRAB

PLEASE, I BEG YOU!

IF WE GET TO MEET AGAIN, I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY.

PLEASE...

JUST DON'T DIE,
PLEASE LIVE!

I'M NOT DEAD AS YOU CAN SEE.
SO STOP BEING ANGRY
JUST WHAT ..?!
IF YOU KEEP NAGGING AT ME, I'LL FIRE YOU.
UGHH
FOR DEAL
YOU DAMN FOOL.
WHAT IF .. WHAT IF SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED TO YOU?
YOU THINK WE, NO, I! DO YOU THINK I COULD HAVE SURVIVED LOSING YOU?

YOU KNOW THAT YOU WON'T JUST EXIST FOR YOURSELF!
WE CAN'T DO WITHOUT YOU.
BE US, EVERYONE!
TAP TAP TAP TAP
BECAUSE YOU....
HOW COULD THIS POSSIBLY HAPPEN.
THIS SORT OF CARELESSNESS
SLAM
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YOUR HIGHNESS J. MAX ROINNE?!

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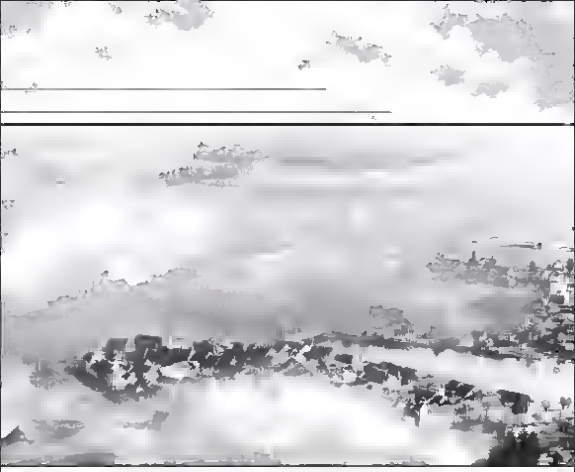
I MANAGED TO SILENCE THE MEDIA LIKE YOU ASKED BUT...
ANYWAY BEN...
WHEN I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS...
WASN'T THERE A GIRL NEXT TO ME?
AH~ YES
I WAS TOO PANIC STRICKEN TO PAY ATTENTION, BUT
WHO IS SHE?! A FOREIGN SPY? ASSASSIN? INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST?
TRYING TO ASSASSINATE SOMEONE WITH A PIECE OF CHICKEN...! THAT'S NEW

N... NO! KAIREN. SHE'S JUST AN ORDINARY GIRL!
CLICK
IT WAS ME.
I JUST FOLLOWED HER.
PARDON? WHY?
I DON'T KNOW
I REALLY DON'T KNOW
JAY. WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR FACE? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU GOT NO SLEEP LAST NIGHT...

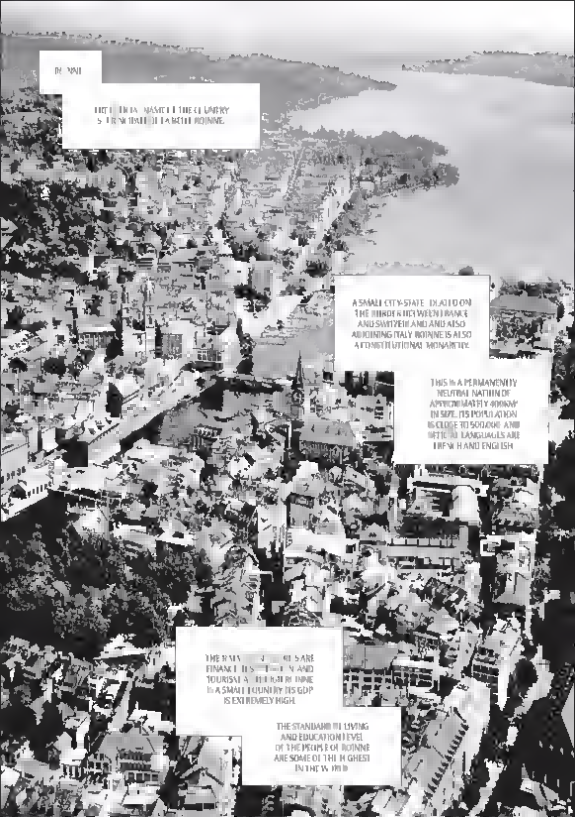
HAHA...
RAVAGED~
SOMETHING'S WRONG! ISN'T IT?
TELL ME, GIRL...
YOU SEE.
YOU SEE, I MET THIS REALLY GOOD-LOOKING FOREIGNER YESTERDAY
REALLY?
AND? SO?
SO TALL, SERIOUSLY LONG LEGS, AND HIS FACE WAS LIKE A COPY OF A GREEK STATUE.
WHOA~ HE WAS SO FREAKY THAT THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT, THE MORE GRATEFUL I AM THAT SOMEONE LIKE THAT EVEN EXISTS IN THIS WORLD!
I NEARLY KILLED HIM WITH A CHICKEN KEBAB

WHAAT?
KROOSH~
I'M SERIOUS



SCREECH!

YOUR HIGHNESS!!


A SMALL CITY-STATE LOCATED ON THE BORDER BETWEEN FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND AND ALSO ADJOINING ITALY. ROINNE IS ALSO A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY.
THIS IS A PERMANENTLY NEUTRAL NATION OF APPROXIMATELY 400KM² IN SIZE. ITS POPULATION IS CLOSE TO 500,000 AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ARE FRENCH AND ENGLISH.
THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE PEOPLE OF ROINNE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD.

BONNE HAS STRONG POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TIES WITH SWITZERLAND, AND HAS VERY LITTLE SENSE OF THE BORDER BETWEEN THEM. (TO THE POINT THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE COMMUTE TO FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND.)
REGARDLESS, THE PEOPLE HAVE A DEEP-SEATED PRIDE IN BEING CITIZENS OF BONNE, AND THEIR LOYALTY TO THE ROYAL FAMILY IS SO STRONG THAT IMMIGRATION TO ANOTHER COUNTRY IS VERY RARE.
THE PRESENT RULER IS PRINCE E. MAX I. (IN A SMALL COUNTRY, THE RULER IS OFTEN CALLED PRINCE, NOT KING).
HIS FULL NAME IS JAIME MAX (DAREGARTE DE LA BELLE BONNE II) (DUKE OF QUIDITZE).
USE IS REACTING THE WAY WE EXPECTED
THEY'VE TURNED TO US. LET'S PUSH FORWARD. NO HOLDING BACK.
BUT NOW WHY DON'T YOU RECONSIDER TERMINATING CHAIRMAN MAX ...?
HE IS A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, AND HE'S YOUR COUSIN.
HE'S THE RULER OF BONNE AND THE HEAD OF THE BONNE GROUP WHICH OWNS AN INTERNATIONAL BANK AND MULTINATIONAL HOTEL CHAIN.

THE REASON SOMETHING THAT COULD HAVE FAILED WORKED OUT ISN'T BECAUSE WE WERE LUCKY, BUT BECAUSE OF THE INFORMATION WE RECEIVED FROM RAIA.

BUT YOUR HIGHNESS.

THIS DISCUSSION IS OVER!

A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE OURS, WHOSE ONLY RESOURCE IS BRAIN POWER, CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE MISTAKES.

OVER 50% OF INDIVIDUALS WORK IN FIELDS THAT ARE EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROINNE GROUP

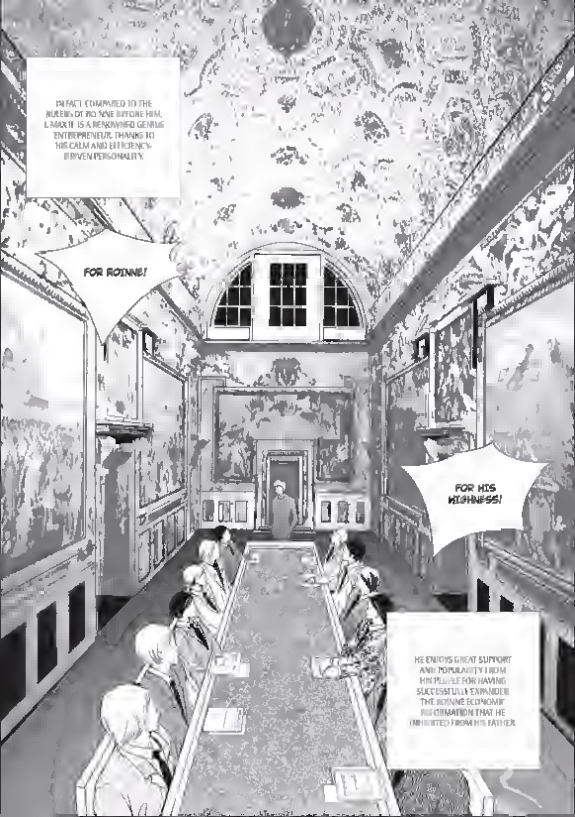
THEREFORE, IT IS NATURAL THAT THE ECONOMY OF THIS CITY-STATE RELIES HEAVILY ON THE ROINNE GROUP AND CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMPANY.

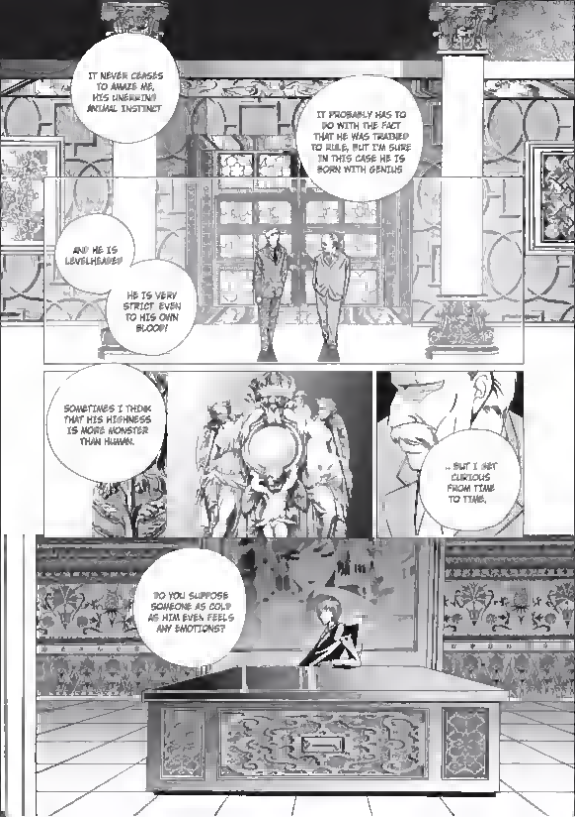
I AM THE MACHINONE THAT ASSURES THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THIS SMALL, INTRICATE MACHINE CALLED ROINNE.

THAT IS THE REASON FOR MY EXISTENCE, NOTHING ELSE.

FOR ROINNE!

WHAT MAKES HIM DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE OTHER MONARCHS IN EUROPE IS THE EMPHASIS ON HIS ENTREPRENEURSHIP RATHER THAN HIS POLITICAL ABILITY AS A RULER.


IN FACT, COMPARED TO THE RULERS OF ROINNE BEFORE HIM, L MAX II IS A RENOWNED GENIUS ENTREPRENEUR, THANKS TO HIS CALM AND EFFICIENCY-DRIVEN PERSONALITY.
FOR ROINNE!
FOR HIS HIGHNESS!
HE ENJOYS GREAT SUPPORT AND POPULARITY FROM HIS PEOPLE FOR HAVING SUCCESSFULLY EXPANDED THE ROINNE ECONOMIC INFORMATION THAT HE INHERITED FROM HIS FATHER.


IT NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME, HIS UNERRING ANIMAL INSTINCT
IT PROBABLY HAS TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT HE WAS TRAINED TO RULE, BUT I'M SURE IN THIS CASE HE IS BORN WITH GENIUS
AND HE IS LEVELHEADED
HE IS VERY STRICT EVEN TO HIS OWN BLOOD!
SOMETIMES I THINK THAT HIS HIGHNESS IS MORE MONSTER THAN HUMAN.
...BUT I AM CURIOUS FROM TIME TO TIME.
DO YOU SUPPOSE SOMEONE AS COLD AS HIM EVEN FEELS ANY EMOTIONS?

CLAP
WHA...!
PLEASE COME TO YOUR SENSES.
. . . . . .
YOU ZONE OUT SEVERAL TIMES A DAY
DID YOU DEVELOP A BAD HABIT OR SOMETHING?
MAYBE I SHOULD GET CHECKED OUT BY A DOCTOR
REALLY I..
I THINK I HAVE SOME SORT OF A DISEASE.

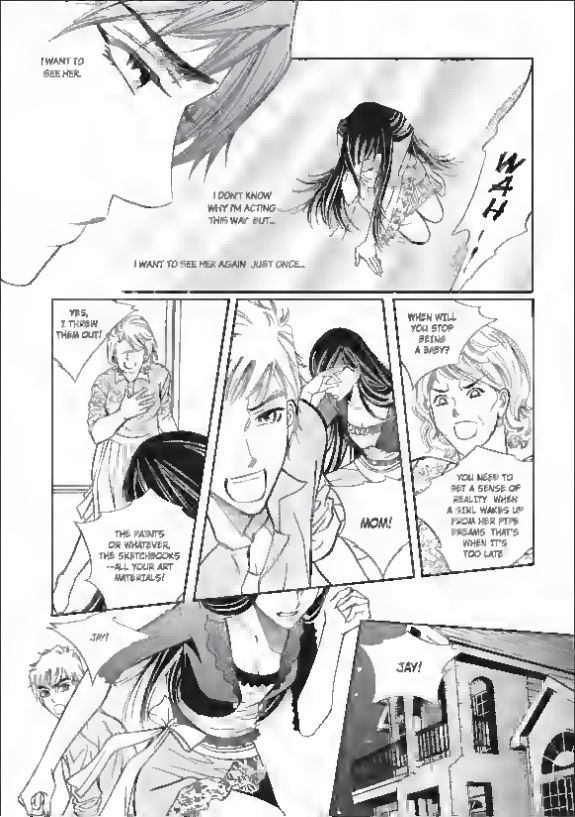
ARE YOU STILL THINKING ABOUT
WHAT HAPPENED THREE MONTHS AGO?
THAT GIRL FROM THAT TIME, I MEAN.
PBT-
WHY DON'T YOU JUST CALL HER?
INSTEAD OF TOSSING IT OUT WITH YOUR MOUTH SHUT
BUT, I DON'T KNOW HER CONTACT INFORMATION.
SORRY?!
YOU MET A CHICK WHO KNOCKED YOUR SOCKS OFF!
AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN ASK HER FOR HER PHONE NUMBER?
OH, RIGHT! THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!

YES, THIS MAN IS...
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT...
HAS NEVER HIT ON A GIRL BEFORE, NOT ONCE.
NOD
BECAUSE, HE DIDN'T NEED TO!
SIGH, I HATE HIM FOR NO REASON...
KYAHH- ♡
KYAHH- ♡
ALRIGHT! I'LL LOOK INTO IT
AND HER INFORMATION?
I DON'T KNOW
ONLY THAT HER NAME IS J
BEN, WE'RE GOING TO PUT UP EVERY KIND OF AD SPACE IN KOREA!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT THAT'S PROBABLY ALL SHE KNOWS ABOUT ME.
NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, POSTERS,
EVEN BILLBOARDS!

SEOUL
DID YOU SEE IT? I'VE YOU?
DOWNTOWN, THE SUBWAY POSTERS, AND MAGAZINES... IT'S EVERYWHERE.
THEY'RE PLASTERING THE WHOLE CITY WITH IT
IS IT AN AD CAMPAIGN FOR SOME NEW BRAND?
LIKE THOSE AD CAMPAIGNS THAT SAY VERY LITTLE TO STIMULATE OUR CURIOSITY?
ANYWAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS?

J IS LOOKING FOR J
"J IS LOOKING FOR J"..?
J IS LOOKING FOR J
J IS LOOKING FOR J
J IS LOOKING FOR J

SEOUL
I TOLD YOU, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR YOU TO COME TO KOREA YOURSELF
NOW THAT HE'S HAD A TASTE, HE'S READY TO FOR LOST TIME.
I'VE SCATTERED OUR AGENTS ALL OVER THE PLACE, SO YOU CAN LEAVE A LITTLE JOB LIKE THIS TO THEM.
SO, IS THAT WHY I'M NOT SEEING ANY RESULTS YET?
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE THEM A FEW DAYS.
YOU'RE COUNTING THE CENTIMES? BEFORE THEY'VE WATCHED CHERRY-MARTO
HOW DID YOU GET SO SMART TEMPERED? UMM.
WHATEVER IT TAKES, FIND HER.


I WANT TO SEE HER.
I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M ACTING THIS WAY BUT...
I WANT TO SEE HER AGAIN JUST ONCE...
WAH!
YES, I THINK THEN OUT!
THE PAINTS OR WHATEVER, THE SKETCHBOOKS --ALL YOUR ART MATERIALS!
MOM!
WHEN WILL YOU STOP BEING A BABY?
YOU NEED TO GET A SENSE OF REALITY WHEN A GIRL WAKES UP FROM HER PITY DREAMS THAT'S WHEN IT'S TOO LATE
JAY!
JAY!

THAT'S ALL MOM WANTS
TAKE CARE OF MY SMART-ASS OLDER BROTHER, AND SHE'LL BE SO THANKFUL IF I GET MARRIED OFF TO A GOOD FAMILY. THANKS TO YOU.
AND MAYBE IN REALITY, I'M NO BETTER THAN THAT ANYWAY!
HEY!
DON'T SAY SUCH STUPID THINGS!
IT'LL BE OVER SOON.
JUST HOLD OUT A LITTLE LONGER.
I'LL MAKE THAT HAPPEN. I PROMISE!

...
YOU KNOW WHAT REALLY SUCKS?
THE FACT IS, NEITHER YOU OR MOM IS A BAD PERSON.
AND THAT YOU GUYS ARE SAYING THESE THINGS BECAUSE YOU THINK IT'S IN MY BEST INTEREST, TOO...
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T REALLY HATE YOU.
I CAN'T EVEN BLAME YOU, EITHER.
WHO CARES IF YOU GUYS ARE NICE PEOPLE? I'M IN SO MUCH PAIN LIKE THIS!
I...
KEEP REALIZING SOMETHING AS I GET OLDER...
... HOW SMALL AND WORTHLESS I AM.
BUT I STILL WANT IT
AND I STILL DREAM.

ALTHOUGH I FEEL FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART THAT THIS WORLD ISN'T EASY...
I...!
HEH, DO YOU STILL HAVE THAT BOOK WITH YOU?
PARDON? WHICH BOOK?
THAT "IDOL PERFECT GIRL" BOOK OR SOMETHING...
OH, THAT? I FINISHED READING IT AGES AGO
WHY? YOU SAID IT WAS LAME AND ASSUM?...

I'M GOING OUT TO GET SOME FRESH AIR FOR A MOMENT
EXCUSE ME?!
WAIT PLEASE TAKE KAORU-!
ALONE!
DO YOU WANT TO SEE ME HAVE A COMONARY?!
DON'T WORRY THIS TIME, I'LL WATCH WHAT I EAT
THAT'S STRANGE...
MY CUTE LITTLE SISTER...
SHE'S AN AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOLER YOU CAN FIND ANYWHERE...

10 100% perfect GIRL %

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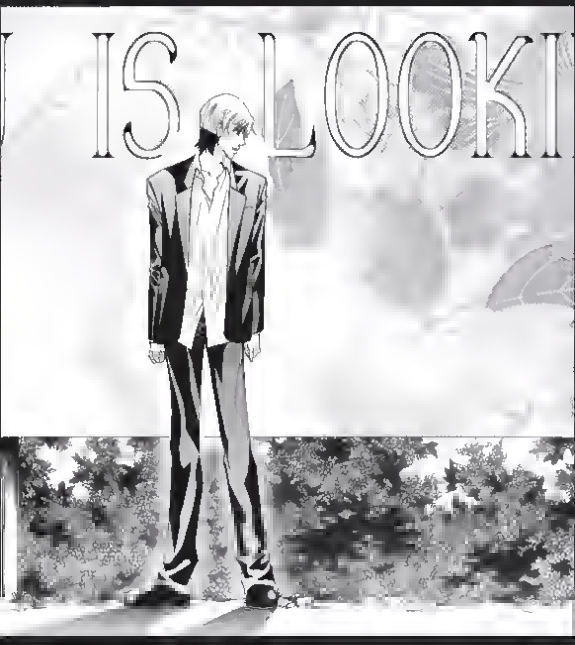
VROOM
IS LO

J IS LOOKING FOR J
J IS LOOKING FOR...
J...?
...J?
NAH...
IS LOOKING

STOP THE CAR, PLEASE

J IS LOOKING FOR
JUST WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I DOING HERE?
WASTING MY TIME ON A USELESS THING...
THIS IS PATHETIC.
I SHOULD GO BACK NOW...
POP
THUMP
GOSH!
YOU LITTLE! HOW DARE YOU FLY AWAY SO FAR.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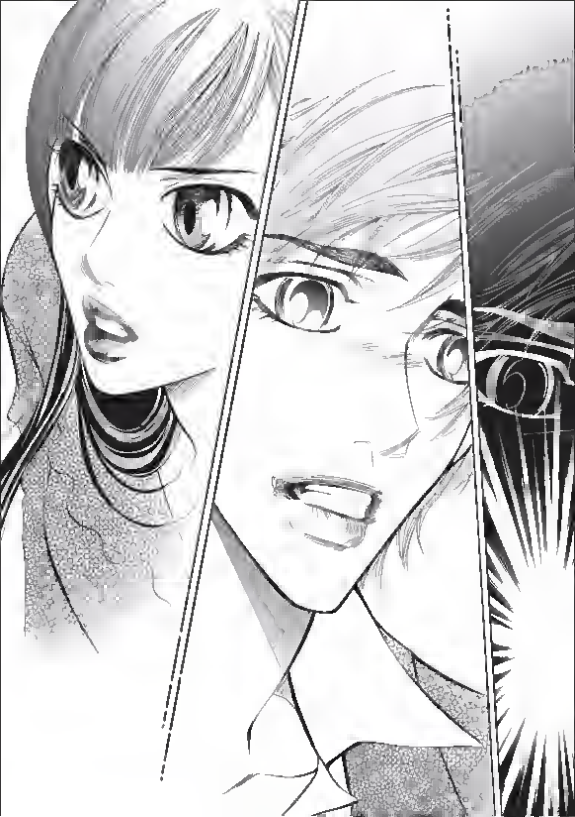
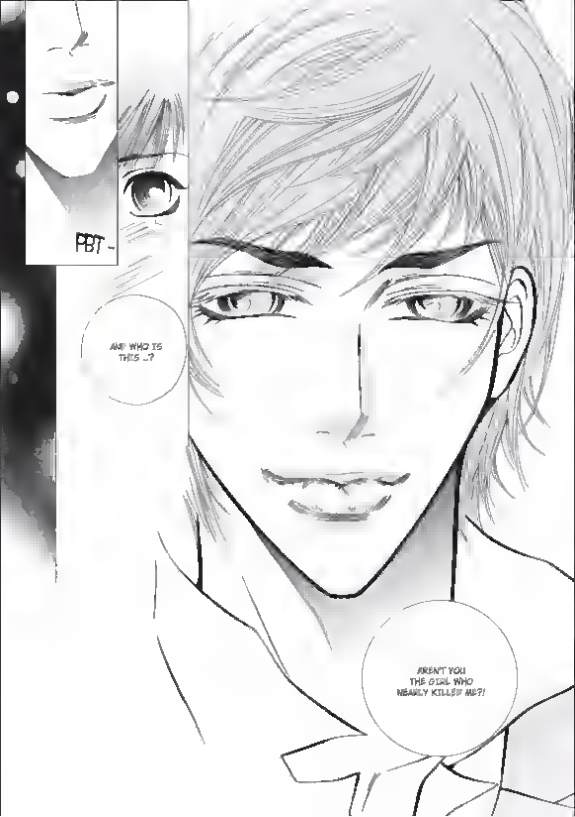


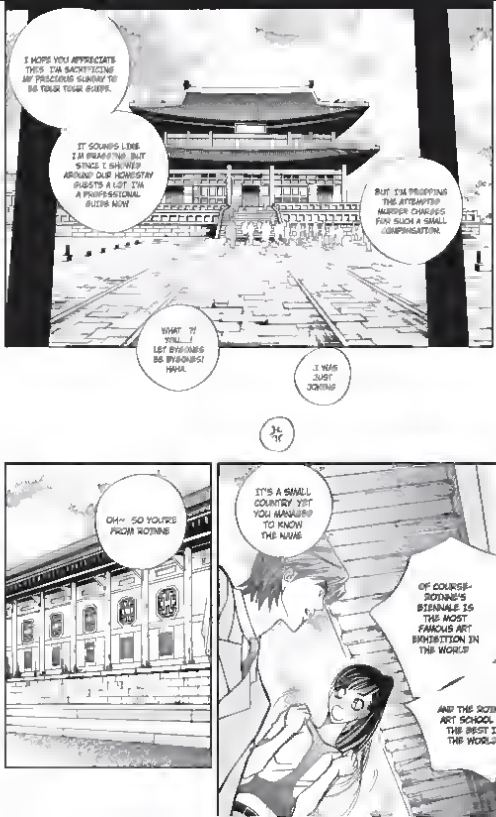

PBT~
AH? WHO IS THIS ..?
AREN'T YOU THE GIRL WHO NEARLY KILLED ME?!

WHAT...?!
YOU'RE NOT DEAD
AND I WORRIED SO MUCH...
BUT YOU WERE JUST FINE!
PBT
PBT
PBT
PBT
HAHAHAHA

HA
HA
HA
HA
HEY WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?
I DON'T KNOW...
JUST...
JUST
...
I JUST HAVE A STRANGE FEELING
A VERY STRANGE FEELING...

2. FALLING FOR...

JI!
OVER HERE!
OH YEAH, CAN I CALL YOU JAEYE INSTEAD OF JI?
IT'S LIKE I'M CALLING MY OWN NAME. KIND OF WEIRD
AS YOU WISH.


I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE THIS. I'M SACRIFICING MY PRECIOUS SUNDAY TO BE YOUR TOUR GUIDE.
IT SOUNDS LIKE I'M BRAGGING, BUT SINCE I SHOWED AROUND OUR HOMESTAY GUESTS A LOT, I'M A PROFESSIONAL GUIDE NOW.
BUT, I'M DROPPING THE ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES FOR SUCH A SMALL COMPENSATION.
WHAT ?! YOU...! LET BYGONES BE BYGONES! HAHA.
I WAS JUST JOKING
OH~ SO YOU'RE FROM ROTINNE
IT'S A SMALL COUNTRY YET YOU MANAGED TO KNOW THE NAME
OF COURSE~ ROTINNE'S BIENNALE IS THE MOST FAMOUS ART EXHIBITION IN THE WORLD!
AND THE ROTINNE ART SCHOOL IS THE BEST IN THE WORLD!

YOU'RE AN ART STUDENT?
IT'S.
JUST A HOBBY
LOOK, IT'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?
ROYAL PALACES

THEY'RE PROBABLY THE ESSENCE OF THAT COUNTRY'S ARCHITECTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS.
ORNATE, EXQUISITE, SURREAL, FANTASTIC
YET SAD FOR SOME REASON.
I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE COUNTLESS PEOPLE HAVE LIVED HERE.
THEY LOVED, THEY HATED, KILLED AND GOT KILLED
IN THE MIDST OF A CRUEL AND VIOLENT HISTORY
BUT, EVEN IF THEY WERE REAL PEOPLE WELL.... IN THE END THEY'RE LIKE A MYTH.
PEOPLE WHO BELONGED HERE WERE SPECIAL FROM THE WAY THEY WERE BORN.
THEY DON'T SEEM REAL TO ORDINARY PEOPLE LIKE US

THAT SPECIAL.
THEY'RE NOT...
REALLY? YOU'RE GONNA BUY ME DINNER AT THIS PLACE?!
WA... WAIT! YOU PIP BRING YOUR WALLET WITH YOU TODAY RIGHT?
MY PIPOLING LITTLE ALLOWANCE ISN'T GOING TO CUT IT IF I HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS, TOO!
LET'S NOT OVERDO IT!
LOOO WON'S WORTH OF GIMBAP* WILL MAKE US JUST AS FULL!

WELCOME, YOUR HIGHNESS!
IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE YOU AT OUR RESTAURANT
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU EVER SINCE WE RECEIVED A CALL REGARDING YOUR VISIT
THIS WAY TO THE PRIVATE LOUNGE
YES, PLEASE.
TAP
TAP
UM, EXCUSE ME.
JUST NOW THAT GUY CALLED YOU YOUR HIGHNESS
BUT THAT'S UM.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT HE CALLS THE MONARCH YOUR HIGHNESS

WHAAAAAT?!
COMPARING EVIDENCE
TIME
HEY...
IF THIS HAPPENED IN A COMIC BOOK, IT WOULD BE REALLY FUNNY~~
ROYAL FAMILY ...
HIHIHEH, THERE'S A MEMBER OF A REAL ROYAL FAMILY RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
REAL ROYAL ..
KYA HA
SHE'S NOT FEELING IT AT ALL.
HA

HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN A BIT NOW?
YEAH.
... DOES FEEL AWKWARD HUH?
IT'S A COMMON REACTION, I UNDERSTAND
PEOPLE HAVE TOLD ME THAT ONCE THEY KNOW THAT I'M ROYALTY
THEY CAN NEVER TREAT ME THE SAME WAY AGAIN
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT THIS IS STUPID!
TAK
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WEREN'T A PRINCE WHEN WE FIRST MET I JUST DIDN'T KNOW IT AT THE TIME ...
IN THE END YOU'RE JUST WHO YOU ARE, AND I'M JUST WHO I AM.
IF WE WERE FRIENDS THEN,
ISN'T IT ONLY NATURAL THAT WE'RE FRIENDS NOW?

AND THINKING ABOUT IT, I REALIZED IT'LL BE NICE AND UNIQUE TO HAVE A MONARCH AS ONE OF MY FRIENDS.
NICE TO MEET YOU, MR. JARTE MAK.
PBT.
RIGHT RIGHT NICE TO MEET YOU.
HMM..
IS..
ZAP
IS THAT IT?

HE WAS MAKING ALL THAT FUSS FOR THAT?
/BONY POORLY DEVELOPED THING
LOOK! THAT THAT KID... IS SHE CONSIDERED A BEAUTY IN THIS COUNTRY?
SHE'S CUTE.
GRRR
SHE'S GOT A PLAIN FACE, BUT-- CLEAR SKIN, SMALL FACIAL FEATURES...
SHE'S FINE
SHE'S NOT SEXY! SHE'S NOT SEXY! SHE'S NOT SEXY!
WE CAN MEET AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT?
TOMORROW? I NEED TO GO TO SCHOOL
SKIP IT!
BUT?
I'VE BEEN DESPERATE, LOOKING FOR YOU.
YOU CAN'T EVEN DO THAT FOR ME?

...NO...
THAT BILLBOARD?
WHO ELSE DID YOU THINK IT WAS?

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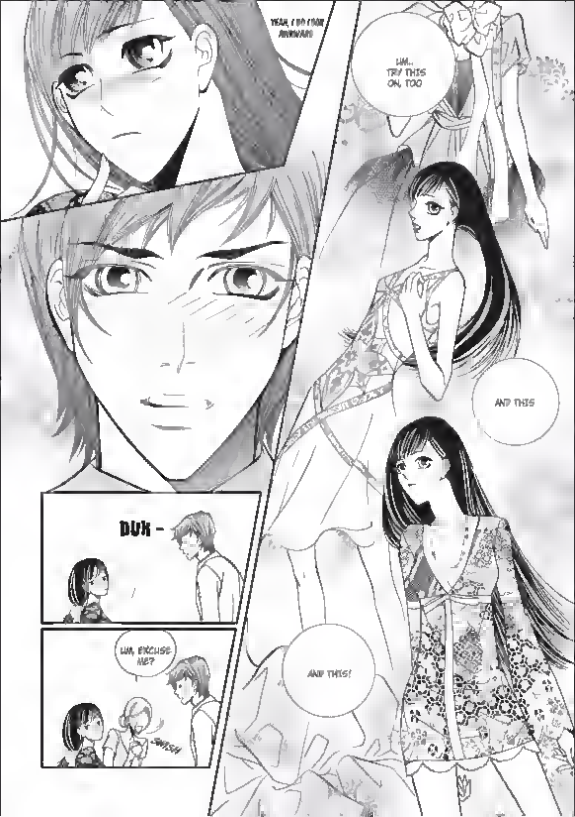
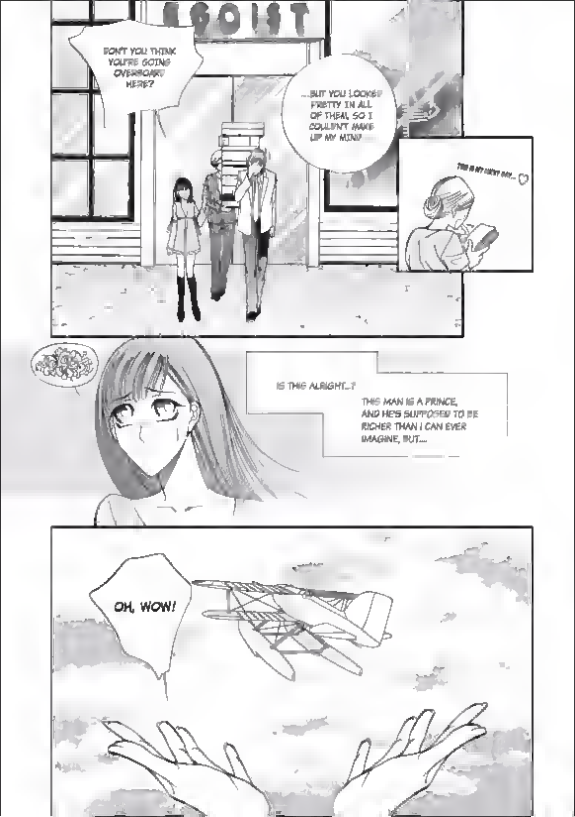
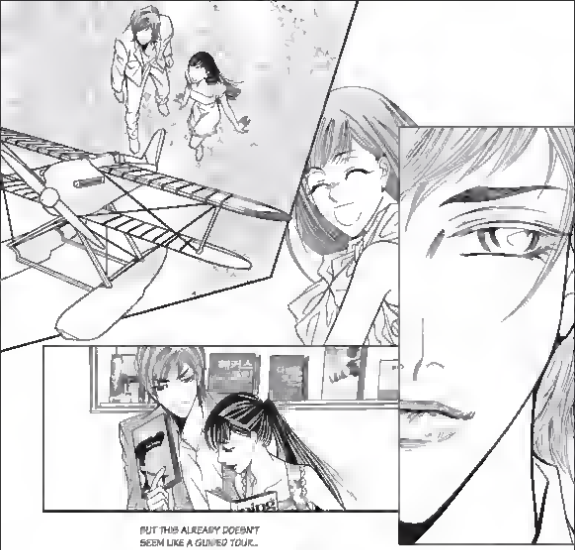
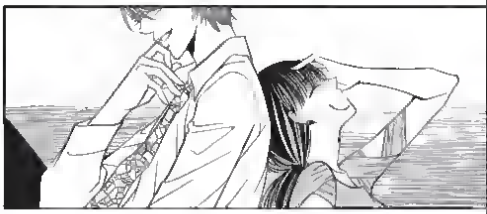

YEAH, I'M FROM AMERICA!!
UM.. TRY THIS ON, TOO
AND THIS
AND THIS!
DUK -
UM, EXCUSE ME?
SWISH!


EGOIST
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING OVERBOARD HERE?
...BUT YOU LOOKS PRETTY IN ALL OF THEM, SO I COULDN'T MAKE UP MY MIND...
THIS IS MY VERY FIRST DAY...
IS THIS ALRIGHT...?
THIS MAN IS A PRINCE, AND HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE RICHER THAN I CAN EVER IMAGINE, BUT...
OH, WOW!


BUT THIS ALREADY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A GUIDED TOUR...


IT'S LIKE A DATE...

IS THIS ALRIGHT?

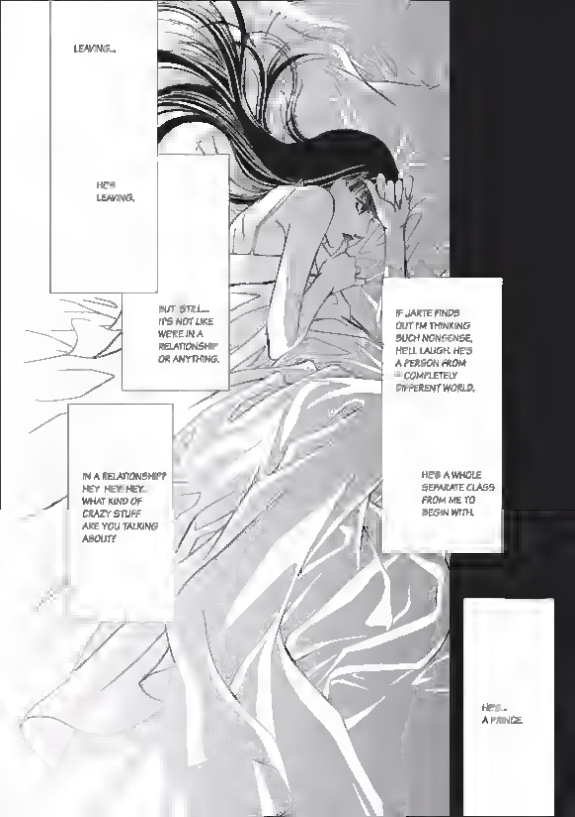
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE YOU FAILED TO DO YOUR JOB!
YOU NITWIT!
GOOSE BUMPS
HO. HOAH.
YOU'RE GOING THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T WORK A MERE GIRL?
WOMEN ARE ALL THE SAME, DON'T YOU KNOW?
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS SHOVE HER INTO HIS MAJESTY'S BED AND THAT WILL BE THE END OF THAT. NO?
YOU CAN'T DO THAT?
HOAH. YOU...
...ARE ONLY 12 YEARS OLD!
I HAVE LOST MY WORDS...
TAKING CARE OF YOUR BOSS'S BEDROOM AFFAIRS IS PART OF MY JOB AS A BUTLER.
THEN WAS IT YOU WHO PUT THOSE SEX MAGAZINES IN HIS MAJESTY'S BEDROOM?
YUP. THAT WAS ME. BUT THEN HE DOESN'T REALLY SEEM TO LOOK AT THEM.
...I WAS GROSSLY MISTAKEN.

...ANYWAY BRINGS HIS MAJESTY BACK WITH YOU.
ROTANG KEEPS HIM!
SO,
YOU'RE GONNA LEAVE ALL THIS WITH ME?
I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.
WOW
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL MY MOM IF SHE FINDS OUT
I CAN'T STORE THEM IN THE LOCKERS AT THE SUBWAY STATION FOREVER, AND SINCE YOUR PARENTS ARE PRETTY LIBERAL...

ANYWAY THIS IS AMAZING!
IT DOESN'T MAKE A LOT OF SENSE
BUT THERE WERE MANY TIMES WHEN I SIMPLY COULDN'T STOP HIM.
WOW, THAT'S PRETTY...
THIS IS HIGH-END LUXURY BRAND-NAME STUFF I'VE ONLY SEEN IN MAGAZINES!
TA DA
AFTER THAT, SHE NEVER SAYS NO...
GIRL YOU'VE BEEN SKIPPING SCHOOL FOR A FEW DAYS WITHOUT A WORD TO ME. SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE YOU WERE GETTING YOURSELF INTO
I KNOW I KNOW I THINK I LOST MY MIND TOO.
YOU... YOU DIDN'T
DO IT WITH THAT FOREIGNER, DID YOU?
ARE YOU CRAZY? I WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
BUY THEM IT'S WEIRD! WHY WOULD HE JUST BUY YOU THESE THINGS FOR NO REASON?
BECAUSE HE HAS MONEY EVERYWHERE, THAT'S WHY

A LOT OF MONEY? WHAT DOES HE DO?
OOPS
AH... ANYWAY HE'S RICH.
UM... CAN YOU REFRAIN FROM TALKING ABOUT ME AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE?
WHAT?!
TELL ME. HE'S A FOREIGNER, RIGHT? HE'S GONNA LEAVE IN A COUPLE OF DAYS?
AHHH. YEAH.
HE'S OLDER THAN YOU, RIGHT?
WELL, COMPARED TO ME.
YOU CRAZY THANG!
YOU STILL WON'T GET THE PICTURE? A MIDDLE-AGED FOREIGNER WITH TONS OF WOUAH COMES HERE TO HAND OUT. THEN HIS CURIOSITY GETS THE BETTER OF HIM.
SO HE'S CAREFULLY PLANNING TO WINE AND DINE SOME SWEET INNOCENT CHICK AND THEN HAVE HIS WAY WITH HER, RIGHT?
NO!
NO?
FOR, FOR ONE THING HE'S NOT MIDDLE-AGED!
HE'S STILL A YOUNG MAN
AND
AND
WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT

THEN YOU'RE GONNA HATE KIM... SERIOUSLY?
THEN WHAT?
IF HE GOES BACK TO HIS COUNTRY YOU GONNA RUN AFTER HIM OR SOMETHING?
WHATEVER IT IS, I SAID NO!
JUST KEEP THESE FOR ME FOR NOW
I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING WEIRD SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
SLAM
THAT MEANIE.
WHAT SHE'S SAYING DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE


LEAVING...
HE'S LEAVING.
BUT, STILL... IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE IN A RELATIONSHIP OR ANYTHING.
IN A RELATIONSHIP? HEY, HEY, HEY. WHAT KIND OF CRAZY STUFF ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IF JARTE FINDS OUT I'M THINKING SUCH NONSENSE, HE'LL LAUGH. HE'S A PERSON FROM A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WORLD.
HE'S A WHOLE SEPARATE CLASS FROM ME TO BEGIN WITH.
HE'S... A PRINCE.

AH...
YEAH, I KNOW.

THAT WHAT MYCLOD SAID IS ACTUALLY RIGHT...

THAT I'M BEING ALL WEIRD RIGHT NOW...

BUT...

BUT...

AH... I GUESS. JARTE IS JUST BEING REALLY KIND AND GENEROUS. HE'S DIFFERENT FROM US.

RIGHT THAT'S WHY...

BUT...

BUT...

...JARTE...

THOSE EYES... WHEN I LOOK INTO THOSE EYES...

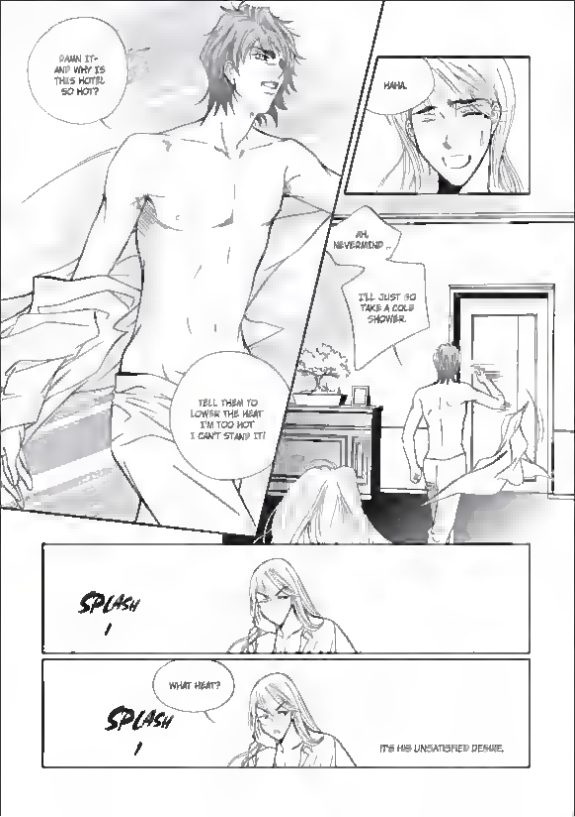
MY THOUGHTS AND EVERYTHING ELSE GET BLOWN AWAY

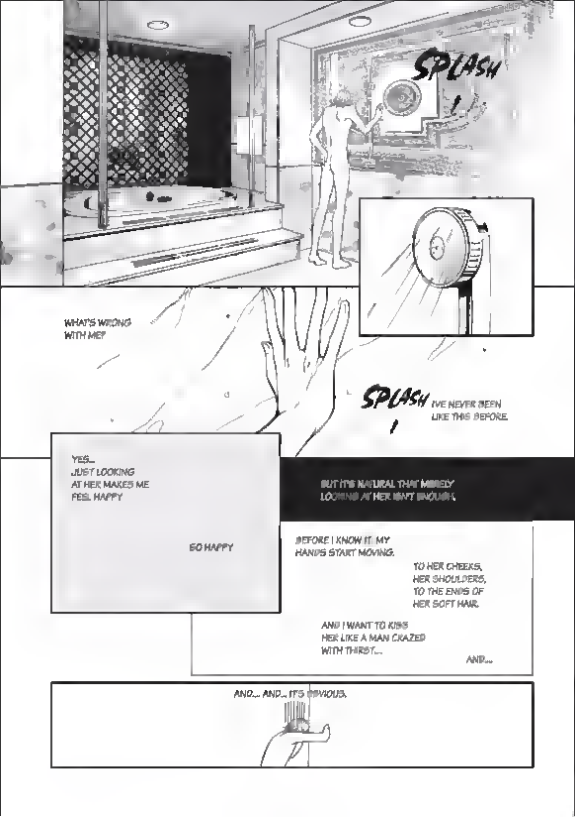
HE'S SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO LEAVE IN A FEW DAYS...
BUT...
BUT...
MOM, I'M SORRY...
I THINK...
HAAH...
JUST A COUPLE OF DAYS...
WILL BE OKAY. YOU KNOW
I'M NOT GOING TO SCHOOL TOMORROW, EITHER.
HERE. THAT'S MY FRIEND'S HOUSE RIGHT UP THERE.
DROP ME OFF HERE. I CAN'T BE SEEN.

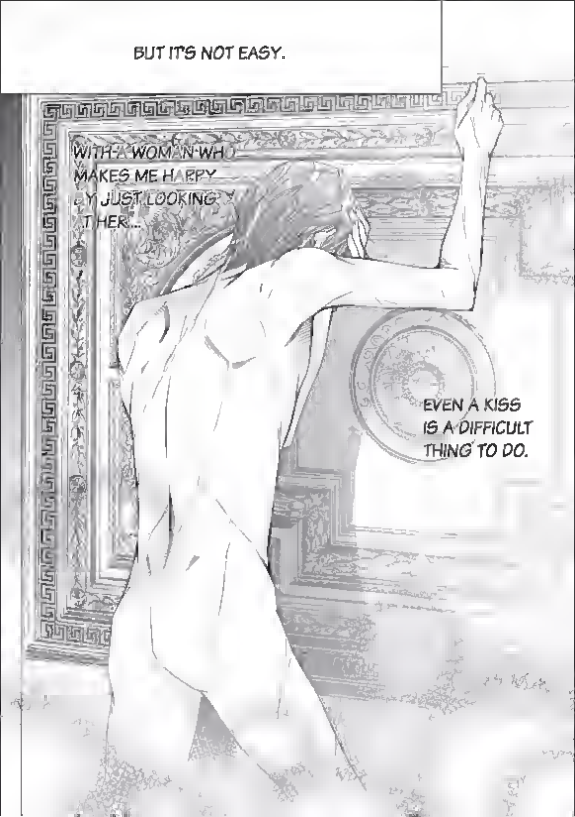
TAKE CARE
OKAY
THUMP...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

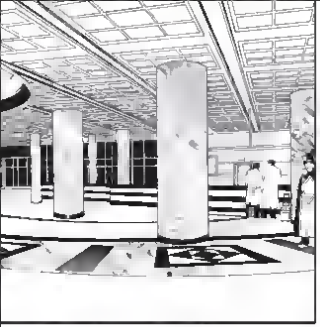
...JARTE?
OH MY, WHY IS YOUR FACE SO RED?
WHI-SUNG!
NO, IT'S NOTHING!
WHI-SUNG!

SLAM
YOUR, YOUR MA?
GET ME A GLASS OF BRANDY, BEN
SURE...
BUT, YOU WENT TO BED A LONG TIME AGO...
I CAN'T SLEEP!


DAMN IT- AND WHY IS THIS HOTEL SO HOT?
TELL THEM TO LOWER THE HEAT I'M TOO HOT I CAN'T STAND IT!
HAHA.
AH, NEVERMIND ..
I'LL JUST GO TAKE A COLD SHOWER.
SPLASH
SPLASH
WHAT HEAT?
IT'S HIS UNSATISFIED DESIRE.


SPLASH
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
SPLASH
I'VE NEVER BEEN LIKE THIS BEFORE.
YES... JUST LOOKING AT HER MAKES ME FEEL HAPPY
SO HAPPY
BUT IT'S NATURAL THAT MERELY LOOKING AT HER ISN'T ENOUGH.
BEFORE I KNOW IT, MY HANDS START MOVING.
TO HER CHEEKS, HER SHOULDERS, TO THE ENDS OF HER SOFT HAIR.
AND I WANT TO KISS HER LIKE A MAN CRAZED WITH THIRST...
AND...
AND... AND... IT'S OBVIOUS.


BUT IT'S NOT EASY.
WITH A WOMAN WHO MAKES ME HAPPY JUST LOOKING AT HER...
EVEN A KISS IS A DIFFICULT THING TO DO.



HE SAID HE'LL WAIT FOR ME AT THE 2ND FLOOR LOBBY

WE HAVE TO RETURN TO ROXANE RIGHT NOW!

YES, I KNOW YOU MAY BE A KING BUT YOU'RE ALSO A HOT-BLOODED YOUNG MAN.
SO IT'S NOT THAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND! WHY YOU'RE CONFUSED BY SOME GIRL FOR A MOMENT BUT

ARE YOU GOING TO DESTROY THE TRUST YOU'VE ESTABLISHED OVER ALL THIS TIME WITH THE CABINET
BY BECOMING A FRIVOLOUS YOUNG MAN SWAYED BY HIS EMOTIONS?

THEN ARE YOU SAYING SOME RUN-OF-THE-MILL CHIPPIE IS WORTH ALL THIS TROUBLE?
GRAB
I NEVER THOUGHT
YOU COULD MAKE ME THIS ANGRY

J... JAY WAIT
HEAR ME OUT, JAY!
HAAH~
JAY?, YOU...
YOU'RE GONNA LEAVE, AREN'T YOU?
WHEN? TOMORROW? THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW?
OR RIGHT NOW?

HOW MUCH TIME...
DO YOU HAVE LEFT?
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE BEST OF WHAT WE HAVE.
RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO STOP ME?

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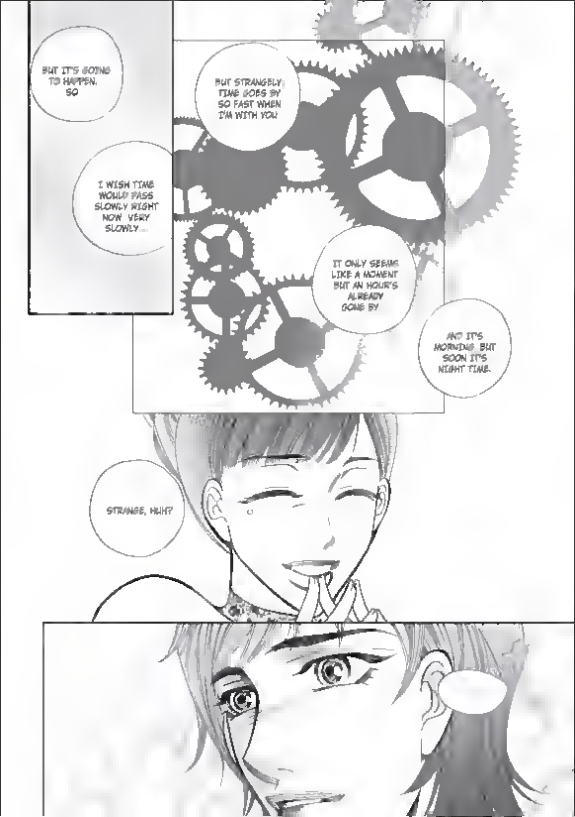
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO STOP ME?
IF I GO AWAY
YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT WITH THAT?
BUT... WHAT CAN I...?
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
YOU WERE PLANNING TO LEAVE FROM THE BEGINNING
...ANYTHING.
SO I'VE BEEN THINKING
ALTHOUGH LATER I WON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENED AS IF IT WAS ALL A DREAM...
THE FEW DAYS WITH YOU THAT I HAVE LEFT LET ME NOT WASTE THEM...


BUT IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. SO
I WISH TIME WOULD PASS SLOWLY RIGHT NOW. VERY SLOWLY...
BUT STRANGELY, TIME GOES BY SO FAST WHEN I'M WITH YOU.
IT ONLY SEEMS LIKE A MOMENT BUT AN HOUR'S ALREADY GONE BY
AND IT'S MORNING. BUT SOON IT'S NIGHT TIME.
STRANGE, HUH?

COME TO ROINNE.
EH?
I DON'T KNOW... IS MY MOM GONNA LET ME GO ON A BACKPACKING TRIP AFTER I GRADUATE AND MAKE SOME MONEY FROM PART TIME JOBS?
NOT FOR A TRIP STUDY AT THE ROINNE ART SCHOOL.
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO STUDY FINE ARTS
THAT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION. SHE'LL BARELY LET ME GO ON A TRIP LET ALONE STUDY ABROAD!
I'LL SPONSOR YOU.
HUH? YOU WANT ME TO STUDY WITH YOUR MONEY?
FORGET IT!
NOT MY PRIVATE FUND THERE'S A SCHOLARSHIP
OF COURSE, WITH A CONNECTION LIKE ME, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET IT EASILY
BUT...
BUT !
JARTE...
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO GOOD TO ME?

NO MATTER WHAT..
YOU ARE A STRANGER
I...
DON'T WANT TO BE APART FROM YOU ..
YES, THAT'S RIGHT. I..
DON'T WANT TO BE AWAY FROM YOU!

I JUST WANT TO KEEP SEEING YOU LIKE I AM NOW.

IF I CAN ONLY BE WITH YOU UNDER THE SAME SKY.

IF I CAN KEEP YOU WHERE I DON'T HAVE TO FLY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN WHEN I WANT TO SEE YOU.

IF I WANT THESE THINGS

AM I BEING TOO SELFISH?

IF MY FUTURE TAKES A TURN IN A TOTALLY UNEXPECTED WAY IN A MATTER OF DAYS?

EVEN IF I PUT MY TRUST IN THE WORDS AND PROMISES OF A MAN I DON'T EVEN KNOW VERY WELL?

BESIDES, THIS MAN IS NO ORDINARY GUY.

I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER ANYTHING.

IF THIS REALLY IS ONE FICKLE PRINCE'S GAME...

I'LL BE RUINED!

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A CINDERELLA IN THIS WORLD.

EVEN IF THERE IS,

SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN TO ME.
JAY...
SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
WOULD NEVER HAPPEN TO ME.
CLICK
OH NO
WHO IS THIS?
FOR A PRINCE...
ONLY A PRINCESS WOULD DO.
YOUR HIGHNESS JARTE MAX.

IT'S SO HARD TO SEE YOU.
CLAIRE
WHO, WHO IS SHE?
SHE LOOKS FAMILIAR FOR SOME REASON.
CLAIRE MARIE
SHE'S A MODEL
RIGHT!
VICTORIA'S SECRET MODEL!
.. WE WENT OUT ON A COUPLE OF DATES TOGETHER.
THIS WOMAN AND JAKE?
HM.. I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY TO EACH OTHER.

GRAB
NO, STAY HERE. THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO HIDE FROM YOU
SHE AND I ARE "DONE" AND OVER NOW
"DONE"? BY WHO'S STANDARD?
HOW DARE YOU DO THIS TO CLAIRE MARIE?
YOU THINK I'M SOME SLUT YOU CAN PLAY AROUND WITH AND THEN LEAVE?
YOU KNOW IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, CLAIRE
RAIN
THEN WHAT IS IT? WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY CHANGE?
YOU...!
THAT'S BECAUSE I WON'T STOP WOMEN FROM COMING TO ME.
UNLESS THEY GET ON MY NERVES TOO MUCH. I LET THEM HANG AROUND
BUT IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY IF SHE WANTS TO USE ME BY MAKING A SCANDAL AND BENEFIT FROM IT

I SUPPOSE YOU WANTED TO BE THE CENTER OF MEDIA ATTENTION... THROUGH MONEY AND THE GOSSIP CREATED BY YOUR FLING WITH A ROYAL FAMILY
BUT, YOU CROSSED THE LINE WHEN YOU TRIED TO CREATE A LOVE TRIANGLE SCANDAL BY SEDUCING THE FRENCH MINISTER OF CULTURE
I KNOW YOU WENT TO THE MEDIA. YOU DEMANDED AN [illegible] PRICE FOR YOUR STORY
OF COURSE THE MEDIA ALWAYS WANTED TO SINK THEIR TEETH INTO ME
I WANTED TO KEEP SOME GOODBYE ETIQUETTE
I COULD HAVE BURIED YOU, BUT I KEPT QUIET
YOU... YOU KNOW THAT MUCH, AND YOU DIDN'T...!
BUT JAY SAW YOU. I DIDN'T WANT HER TO GET THE WRONG IDEA.
I DIDN'T WANT TO BUST YOU LIKE THIS, RIGHT TO YOUR FACE..
ARE YOU BLIND OR SOMETHING?
HA! I SEE THAT HIS HIGHNESS'S TASTE HAS CHANGED FOR THE WORSE.
THAT SMALL YELLOW BUG STANDING NEXT TO YOU?
JAY?

OR, MAYBE SHE TASTES DIFFERENT BECAUSE SHE'S A DIFFERENT TYPE?
SO WHEN'S THIS LITTLE BITCH'S EXPIRATION DATE?
HOW MUCH IS SHE?
WATCH YOUR MOUTH, CLAIRE!
YOU! YOU THINK YOU'RE REAL SPECIAL NOW, DON'T YOU?
HAHA!
WELL, YOU'RE NOT! THIS MAN NEVER FALLS FOR ANY WOMAN!
YOU'LL BE DUMPED TOO ... FOR SURE
LIKE TRASH!

STOP IT!
SLAP
YOU WERE THE BEST OPPORTUNITY I EVER GOT
I WANTED YOU I WANTED TO HAVE YOU!
I WOULDN'T HAVE RESORTED TO SUCH DRASTIC MEASURES IF YOU GAVE ME EVEN THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF HOPE!
BUT YOU SHOWED NO SIGN OF CHANGE
YOU WERE ALWAYS ...!
AN ICE!
THAT NEVER MELTS

I LET YOU HIT ME ONCE, CLAIRE.
BUT STOP INSULTING JAY
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE IT
CRUNCH
YOU UPPITY LITTLE BITCH!
THIS MAN WAS MINE! MINE!

JAY!
DID SOMEONE SAY THAT WHEN YOU DIE, THE WORLD LOOKS AS IF IT'S IN SLOW MOTION?
IT'S PROBABLY A BRIEF SECOND...
BUT IT FEELS LIKE A FEW MINUTES.
BUT I'LL...
FALL SOON...!
THUMP

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
AWTHUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

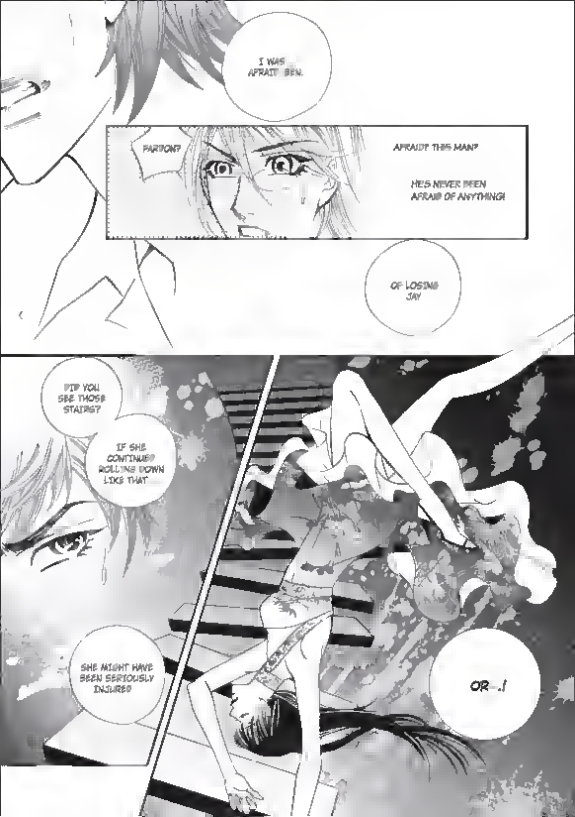
HAAH
HAH...

YOUR HIGHNESS!
YOUR HIGHNESS!!
JAY!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, JAY?
KOFF
KOFF
KOFF
I'M... OKAY
I'M OKAY
HIS FACE...
IT'S SO PALE...
REALLY

KSAH
UM...
AHHHH!
GRIP
JARTE.
I WANNA LIE DOWN.

ALL RIGHT MISS NOW I NEED TO EXAMINE YOUR BACK.
HESITANT
HE..?
I'LL STEP OUTSIDE FOR A BIT

DON'T NAG AT ME. MINE'S ONLY A MINOR SCRATCH
I'M SURPRISED AT CLAIRE.
I KNEW SHE WAS HOT TEMPERED BUT WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN
THEN SHE SHOULD HAVE PUSHED ME. WHY DID SHE PUSH INNOCENT JAY?
YOUR HIGHNESS!
WHAT IF WHAT IF
WHAT IF...!


I WAS AFRAID, BEN.
PARDON?
AFRAID? THIS MAN?
HE'S NEVER BEEN AFRAID OF ANYTHING!
OF LOSING JAY
DID YOU SEE THOSE STAIRS?
IF SHE CONTINUED ROLLING DOWN LIKE THAT...
SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED
OR...!

HOW CAN THIS BE?
NO, THAT WAS MORE THAN FEAR. IT WAS LIKE
THE END OF THE WORLD!
YES, THE FEELING THAT THE WORLD WAS COMING TO AN END! I...!

YOUR HIGHNESS!
I'M IN SO MUCH PAIN RIGHT NOW BEN.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
DEAR GOD THIS IS...
THIS REALLY IS...
OH BOY
A BIG DEAL.

IT'S HAPPENED TO THIS MAN....
SOMETHING THAT NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.
NO, IT'S SOMETHING...
WE THOUGHT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN TO HIM.
JAY
IT IS WRONG WITH THIS MAN!
HE'S OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW
AND, YET HE FELL IN LOVE FOR THE FIRST TIME JUST NOW, LIKE SOME SCHOOLBOY...!!!

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HMM.
OH, NO! I MUST'VE FALLEN ASLEEP FOR A SEC.
IT'S PROBABLY THE SHOT THE DOCTOR GAVE YOU.
BUT STILL I'M IN SOMEONE ELSE'S ROOM.
HOW RUDE. SORRY ABOUT THIS.
NO, NO! I'M SORRY!
I M...
SORRY

IT'S OKAY THAT WOMAN DIED! WHAT SHE DID BECAUSE SHE WAS HURT AND-
BUT THIS WAS ALL MY FAULT
BUT YOU'RE ALSO THE ONE WHO SAVED ME
I HURT YOU, THEN I SAVE YOU... THIS IS PATHETIC.
BUT YOU COULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED TOO.
IT DOESN'T MATTER! BECAUSE..
I... I'M ACTUALLY QUITE ATHLETIC, SO I AM NOT ABOUT TO BE HURT BY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
FINE, THAT MAKES ME A NON-ATHLETIC SLOW POKE...
YAWN-
WHAT TIME...?
ACK-! HOW DID IT GET SO LATE?
JANET, I NEED TO GO HOME
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING IN THAT CONDITION? REST A LITTLE MORE
NO, I NEED TO GO H...

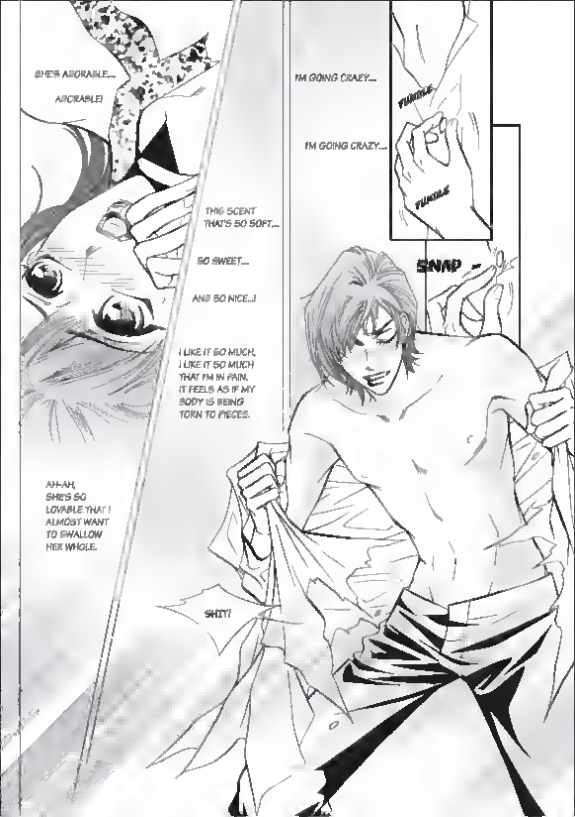
I'M TELLING YOU, JUST UP!
THUMP
NO, MY MOM'S GONNA KILL ME IF I STAY OUT LONGER THAN I ALREADY HAVE
JARTE?

MMPH!
JAY...!

THUD
NO.
WHA...
WHAT IS THIS...?

HE'S... HE'S KISSING ME...!
BUT I HAD THIS VAGUE NOTION THAT A KISS IS... YOU KNOW...
HA-AH
SWEET... AND ROMANTIC...
BUT THIS... THIS ISN'T LIKE THAT AT ALL
THIS IS...!
MMP
MM
BAFF
BAFF
MM
STOP ...
STOP IT!

NO. I DON'T LIKE THIS...
JARTI, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME?
GRIP
MY MIND HAS BECOME A BLANK SHEET OF PAPER.
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING.
NO MORE ..
I... CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE.
ACTUALLY I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW I MANAGED TO FIGHT IT UNTIL NOW
YOU HAVE NO IDEA. HOW MUCH I
I CAN'T LET YOU GO NOT NOW !
ACK


SHE'S ADORABLE...
ADORABLE!
I'M GOING CRAZY...
TWITCH
I'M GOING CRAZY...
TWITCH
THIS SCENT THAT'S SO SOFT...
SO SWEET...
AND SO NICE...!
SNAP
I LIKE IT SO MUCH, I LIKE IT SO MUCH THAT I'M IN PAIN. IT FEELS AS IF MY BODY IS BEING TORN TO PIECES.
AH-AH, SHE'S SO LOVABLE THAT I ALMOST WANT TO SWALLOW HER WHOLE.
SHIT!

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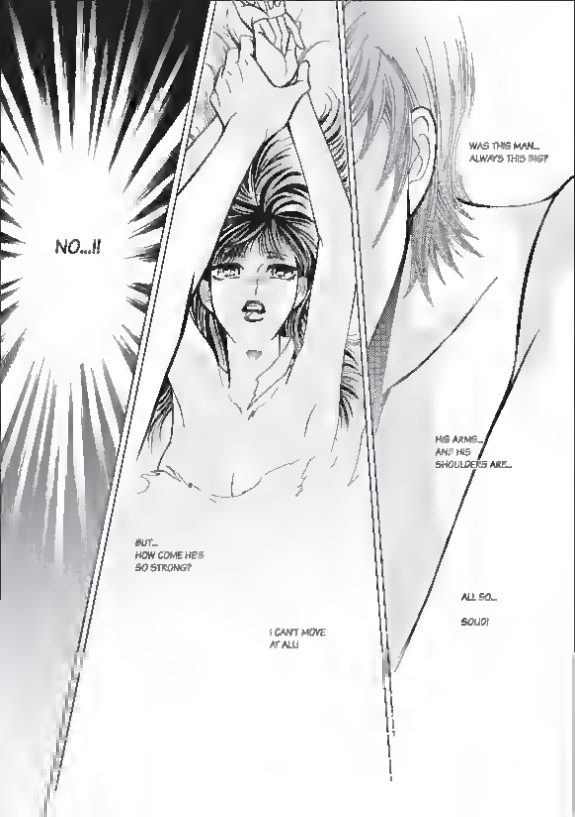

NO...!!
WAS THIS MAN... ALWAYS THIS BIG?
HIS ARMS... AND HIS SHOULDERS ARE...
ALL SO... SOLID!
BUT... HOW COME HE'S SO STRONG?
I CAN'T MOVE AT ALL!

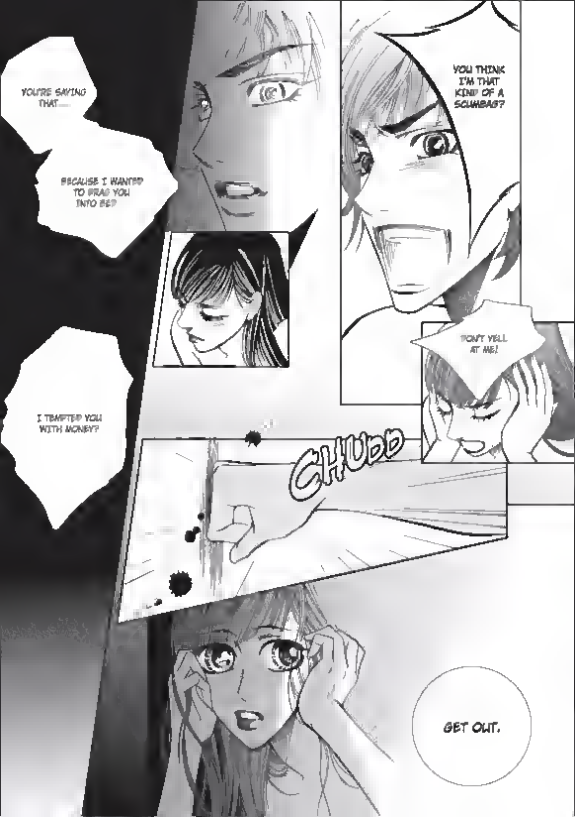
I'M SCARED...!
NO...!!!

SOB!
SNIFF
...!
SOB.
SNIFF
NO!

MY GOD,
WHAT DID
I JUST DO...?
DON'T YOU
TOUCH ME!

JAY!
SCARE YOU? ME? JAY WHY
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO HURT YOU!
NO YOU'RE SCARING ME
GO AWAY!
YOU'RE A GUY!
AND YOU FRIGHTENED ME!
...
JAY, DON'T TELL ME...
YOU'VE NEVER HAD
FLUSHED
SLAP
WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM?!

HYOUJI WAS RIGHT. MEN ARE ALL THE SAME.
IT'S SO OBVIOUS WHY YOU WERE BEING "GOOD" TO ME.
WHAT?
I WAS AN IDIOT
SO NAIVE, HAH? NO CLUE
YOU BASTARD!
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A PRINCE AND RICH AND SOMEONE SO FANTASTIC THAT A MERE GIRL LIKE ME CAN'T EVEN DREAM OF...
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PLAY WITH ME LIKE THIS!
STUDY ABROAD? FORGET IT. KEEP ALL THE DAMNED PRESENTS YOU BOUGHT ME!
I'M NOT ACCEPTING ANYTHING FROM YOU.
YOU UNDERESTIMATED ME.
WHAT...?


YOU'RE SAYING THAT.....
BECAUSE I WANTED TO DRAG YOU INTO BED
I TEMPTED YOU WITH MONEY?
YOU THINK I'M THAT KIND OF A SCUMBAG?
DON'T YELL AT ME!
CHUDD
GET OUT.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
GET OUT OF HERE.

JUST WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL?!
I GOT A CALL FROM SCHOOL. THEY SAID YOU'VE BEEN SKIPPING SCHOOL FOR A FEW DAYS NOW!
YOU SLY LITTLE IMP! OUT THE DOOR EVERY MORNING IN YOUR UNIFORM, PRETENDING TO GO TO SCHOOL...
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO ALL DAY... AND WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN SNEAKING AROUND?
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...
DO YOU THINK I'LL LET YOU OFF THE HOOK THAT EASILY?
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS WRONG WITH YOU LATELY? ALWAYS TALKING BACK TO ME.
WHAT KIND OF WRECK ARE YOU GOING TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?!
MOM, PLEASE! JUST THIS ONCE...
CAN'T YOU LET THIS ONE GO?

WHAT..
ISN'T MY BROTHER THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO MATTERS FOR YOU, MOM?
SO JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
SWISH-
SNAP
HM.
THOSE...
ARE HICKEYS.

SO, IS THIS YOUR (THAN) SO-CALLED REBELLING? SEEING SOME GUY?
WHO IS THIS BASTARD?!
WH.. WHAT'S IT TO YOU?!
I'M GONNA KILL HIM!
JIN
I'VE COME TO MY SENSES NOW. I'M NOT GONNA BE FOOLISH AGAIN.
AHP ..
AND
DON'T WORRY .. NOTHING HAPPENED!

IT'S A MESS ISN'T IT?
TO BE IN LOVE IS THE FARTHEST THING FROM PEACE OF MIND!
SO DON'T FALL IN LOVE.
BECAUSE YOU...
ARE SO SINGLE-MINDED TO THE POINT OF STUPIDITY.

LET'S GO BACK TO ROINNE

I HATE MEN.
BURSTS INTO MY LIFE AS HE PLEASES...

AND THROWS MY LIFE UPSIDE DOWN AS HE PLEASES...
MAKING ME ALL CONFUSED!...
AND AS HE PLEASES, HE...
SELFISH
SO SELFISH...
NEVER AGAIN...
I'M GONNA MAKE SURE NOBODY TREATS ME LIKE THAT EVER AGAIN.